

AutoMOD Project - Version 1.0

The AutoMOD Project

A Web Portal for Automated Model Diagnosis

Documentation

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About this document

This is the documentation the AutoMOD project, version 1.0.
Its intent is to cover most aspect of AutoMOD, installation, configuration, usage and customization.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Concepts

AutoMOD's goal is to allow its *users* to intercompare results from different *models* (e.g. NCAR, ECMWF, etc...). Each one of these can have multiple *version* (different physics, different grid type, etc...).

Each version of these models is run against a *scenario*, these scenarios can be grouped by *types*, each of these can have multiple *subtypes*. Multiple realizations can be submitted for each scenario.

Through a web interface the user first chooses the scenario (experiment) he's interested in. In a second step he can choose among the variables available for this scenario. The user then selects the model he is interested in. Finally the user selects one or more diagnoses he would like to be performed with the selected parameters. The analyses are then run in the background and the user receives an email with a URL pointing to the Atlas generated (PDF or Tex format).

In a near future the users will have the option to further customize the diagnosis and even eventually to access interactive "on the fly" diagnoses.

The same web interface can also be used to upload model output and access documentation about users, models, their various versions and runs.

1.2 What is AutoMOD designed for?

AutoMOD is designed to help scientists spend less time on technical issues, share resources and focus on Science.

1.2.1 Lifting off the weight from technical issues

By adhering to some strict, but not arbitrary, standards while pre-processing their data, scientists will be able to easily and quickly share and analyze their results. They will simply have to put them on an ftp site and document them via the web interface.

1.2.2 Sharing Ressources

The hope of AutoMOD is not only to have the model output shared among scientists but also to increase the sharing of diagnosis. Indeed, with very few effort, scientists will be able to develop “plug-and-play” tools to enhance the AutoMOD portal capabilities.

1.2.3 Focussing on Science

Once the weight of data pre-processing and diagnoses developping has been removed from scientists shoulders, and once they have been offered easy access to more data from various sources, scientists will be able to focus on understanding the scientific issues they care for and will spend less time “getting their hand dirty” reformatting the data or (re)implementing already existing diagnosis.

1.3 What is AutoMOD NOT designed for?

AutoMOD is not designed for random data exploration, it is not a full control on the data system (for this there is excellent packages such as the [Climate Data Analysis Tools \(CDAT\)](#) developed at [PCMDI](#).

1.4 Future

At the moment envisioned improvements to AutoMOD are:

- AutoMOD near futur is more interactivity with the user, more control on the “look and feel” of the diagnosis
- Multi-Variable Analyses.
- “Administrator” interface.
- Cross scenario Analyses.

Chapter 2

Installing and Configuring AutoMOD

Provided a few pre-requisites and a minimum *ONCE-only* configuration, setting up AutoMOD is easy. In this chapter we will describe how to install AutoMOD and its external software.

2.1 Prerequisites - External Software

AutoMOD is based on a few externals that you will need to install on you system:

- The Climate Data Anaylsis Tools (**CDAT**).
- An Apache Server with the mod_py module enabled.
- A MySQL server.

As part of the AutoMOD installation process, the following section explains how to obtain theses packages and provide a few pointers on how to set them up. Please refer to each system's specific documentation for up-to-date documentation.

2.2 Installing AutoMOD

2.2.1 AutoMOD

Obtaining the software

AutoMOD can be obtained at: <http://lsce.saclay.cea.fr>

Installing

Although in theory each package could be installed in any order we recommend to follow the order describe by this manual in order to obtain the smoothest possible installation process.

In the minimalist approach you can simply untar the AutoMOD anywhere. In practice we recommend to untar it after installing Apache in the [APACHE_DIR]/htdocs directory.

Which ever choice you decide on, we will refer to this directory as: [AutoMOD_DIR]

2.2.2 Climate Data Analysis Tools (CDAT)

Obtaining the software

CDAT can be downloaded from its website: <http://cdat.sf.net>

We used version 4.1.2 of CDAT. Any version above 4.0 should work.

This version is based on Python 2.4.3. Any Python version above 2.0 should work.

Installing (in respect to AutoMOD)

There are many ways to install CDAT, whichever way you decide does not matter for AutoMOD, just remember where you installed it. From this point on, the CDAT installation directory will be refered in this document as [CDAT_DIR]

2.2.3 Apache Server

Obtaining the software

At the time this document is written the mod_python extension for Apache will not work with the latest version of Apache (2.2), therefore you will need to install version 2.0.58 of Apache.

Apache can be obtained at: <http://www.apache.org>

Installing (in respect to AutoMOD)

AutoMOD does not require any particular installation “tweaks” for the Apache server. From this point on, the Apache installation directory will be refered as: [APACHE_DIR]

2.2.4 mod_python extension for Apache

Obtaining the software

the mod_python extension can be obtained at: <http://www.modpython.org>

We used version 3.2.8 of mod_python

Installing (in respect to AutoMOD)

In order to install `mod_python` with the correct Apache server and the correct python (in our case **CDAT**) you will need to run the following configure command:

```
./configure --with-apxs=[APACHE_DIR]/bin/apxs --with-python=[CDAT_DIR]/bin/python
```

Add any option specific to your environment.

2.2.5 MySQL**Obtaining the software**

We used version 5.0 of MySQL but we believe that any version of MySQL should work. In fact it should be fairly easy for an advanced user to setup AutoMOD to work with ANY database provided it as a fairly standard SQL.

MySQL can be obtained at: <http://www.mysql.com>

Additionally you will need the Python extension for MySQL which can be found at: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/mysql-python>

Installing MySQL (in respect to AutoMOD)

AutoMOD does not require any particular installation “tweaks” for the MySQL server, except that it is safer to add the option `--enable-thread-safe-client` in order to be sure that the python package builds.

From this point on, the MySQL installation directory will be referred as: `[MYSQL_DIR]`

Installing the Python extension

untar and run:

```
[CDAT_DIR]/bin/python setup.py install
```

2.3 Configuring AutoMOD and its external components**2.3.1 Configuring Apache for AutoMOD**

You will need to edit the `http.conf` file of your installation to point to the directory of your AutoMOD. This file can usually be found under:

```
[APACHE_DIR]/conf/http.conf
```

```
Alias /AutoMOD [AutoMOD_DIR]
```

The default templates for AutoMOD use “Server Side Includes” (SSI) technology, you’ll need to enable it:

```
AddType text/html .shtml
```

```
AddOutputFilter INCLUDES .shtml
```

Finally make sure to set the Server name correctly, for example `ServerName dogmatix.saclay.cea.fr:1556`

2.3.2 Configuring mod_python

Here again you will need to edit your *http.conf* file:

LoadModule python_module [APACHE_DIR]/modules/mod_python.so

And define the AutoMOD Python Handlers:

```
<Directory [AUTOMOD_DIR]/Python>
SetHandler mod_python
PythonHandlerModule login
## Uncomment the following for debug output
## PythonDebug On
<Files "login">
PythonHandler login
</Files>
<Files "users">
PythonHandler users
</Files>
<Files "institutes">
PythonHandler institutes
</Files>
<Files "groups">
PythonHandler groups
</Files>
<Files "models">
PythonHandler models
</Files>
<Files "simulations">
PythonHandler simulations
</Files>
<Files "diags">
PythonHandler diags
</Files>
</Directory>
```

2.3.3 Configuring MySQL for AutoMOD

The AutoMOD distribution comes with script that will create a database for AutoMOD with all the needed tables.

This script can be found in the Install subdirectory:

[AutoMOD_DIR]/Install/create_db.py

It also picks information from:

[AutoMOD_DIR]/Python/SQL.py

Setting up the MySQL Server

Edit the header section of the *SQL.py* file to reflect your environnement:

- **host:** ('asterix1'): represents the hostname of the *MySQL* server.
- **dbname:** ('AutoMOD'): represents the name of database that will be created in your *MySQL* install. If any database already exist with this name *IT WILL BE DELETED*, therefore make sure to put a unique name here, or at least backup the old database.
- **user:** ('cdoutrix'): represents the *MySQL* user that will be used to access the database that we just created. This user should already be existing.
Tip: Remember the *mysql* user you created for AutoMOD and grant it read/write privileges on AutoMOD tables. Make sure to run “*mysqladmin flush-privileges*” to have these reflected right away.

Filling some default in the tables

Edit the *create_db.py* file to reflect your environment.

In the file look the following tables declaration:

- types
- subtypes
- institutes

You should edit these to reflect your project.

Note that while *institutes* can be edited from the web interface, *types* and *subtypes* can only be edited from the *MySQL* interface, i.e. the administrator.

The *types* and *subtypes* tables are specific to your project.

In the default setup, there are 5 *types* (CFC, Abiotic, Biotic, Injection and Helium).

The “Abiotic” type for example carries the id 2, you’ll note then that for each subtype of “Abiotic” the *type* field in the subtype table definition is set to 2 accordingly (e.g. ctrlF).

Please take **GREAT** care of the “*doc*” field, as it will be used on the Atlases to describe the type of scenario chosen. Note: The “@” signs mark the separation between the *mysql* fields.

Defining some default user(s)

Finally at the very end, the script adds a default user, edit this to reflect yourself, and promptly change your password once AutoMOD is up and running!!!

An administrator user (admin) is also created, edit its password here. It is also recommended to change it from the *mysql* interface.

Executing the script

Once all is edited run the script as follow:

```
[CDAT_DIR]/bin/python [AutoMOD_DIR]/Install/create_db.py
```

You are then prompted for the administrator password of the *MySQL* server. Enter it and you’re done.

And more...

See the MySQL Tables (Annex B, page 45) to learn about the table defined and their relationships

2.3.4 Configuring AutoMOD**Concepts**

As we explained earlier (see section 1.1 page 1) AutoMOD's goal is allow its *users* to intercompare results from different *models* (e.g. NCAR, ECMWF, etc...). Each one of these can have multiple *version* (different physics, different grid type, etc...).

Each version of these models is run against a *scenario*, these scenarii are divided by *types* and each type can have multiple *subtypes*. The default AutoMOD *scenario* structure is as follow:

- CFC
- Abiotic
 - CIS92A
 - ctrlF
 - ctrlH
 - ctrlP
 - equil
 - hist
 - pulse
 - S650
- Biotic
- Injection
 - C1500
 - C3000
 - C800
 - E1500
- Helium

Note: For each scenario type you can upload multiple *simulations*(or realizations), therefore allowing for ensembles.

MySQL Tables

The AutoMOD distribution comes with script that will create a database for AutoMOD with all the needed tables.

This script can be found in the **Install** subdirectory:

[*AUTOMOD_DIR*]/Install/create_db.py (see section 2.3.3 page ??).

The file [*AutoMOD_DIR*]/Python/SQL.py contains the informations to connect to the MySQL server.

Data hosting

The file [*AutoMOD_DIR*]/Python/DB.py contains the informations about data storage. All you need to do is edit is the value of the **root** variable, it should point to the directory on your server file system where you wish to store the data.

Note: In the future if ESG or OpenDAP serving is added this section is likely to change.

Web-interface aspect

Most aspects of the “look and feel” of AutoMOD are easily controled. The files controlling these are located in [*AutoMOD_DIR*]

First of all, the file *styles.css* contains informations for the Cascading Styles Sheets (CSS). We defined different type of classes:

- **info**: Controls the aspect of elements displayed considered as informative.
- **help**: Controls the aspect of elements displayed considered as help.
- **result**: Controls the aspect of elements displayed considered as result from an action taken by the user.
- **error**: Controls the aspect of elements displayed considered as resulting from a user error.
- **form, input, select**: Controls the aspect of the forms and their elements.
- **diags**: Controls the aspect of elements displayed in the diagnosis pop-ups.

Actions processed by the AutoMOD python handler will always be *sandwiched* between the content of *main.shtml* and *bottom.html*.

These two files can contain anything you want. In general they contain the header, the user menu and the footer.

Any mod_python restriction would of course apply here. For example the *.shtml* include tag: `<!--#include file=` is not understood, but in AutoMOD a plug has been added for it and the directive is now understood.

Chapter 3

Using AutoMOD

3.1 Generalities

It is important to understand the philosophy behind AutoMOD. The idea is to make public some data and diagnosis, allowing a greater number of scientists to work with the data. AutoMOD's goal is to make this as automated as possible. Obviously automation requires the developers to make a few choices and to limit what can be done with the data. At the time being, for example, diagnoses can not yet be “tuned” by the user, but this feature should appear soon. But even then, the number of “tuning” available to the user will be limited. First of all, because development time isn't unlimited, and second of all because it is necessary to make sure the server does not get swamped by the users requests.

Also, being “automated” does not mean that that we can bypass human action all together. There are still parts where the user intervention is necessary. This concerns mainly documentation. In fact the better the project will be documented the more useful it will be. Documentation can not be “guessed” by the computer. Although AutoMOD tries to be as “smart” as possible about it, at some point the information needs to be entered by a human.

Finally AutoMOD's goal being to facilitate cooperation between scientists, we understand/hope that the notion of groups will become quickly necessary. We also understand that once some groups have been formed, the case arises where some data may need to be posted onto the system but made available immediately to the public, only a “group” of scientists. Accounting for this, AutoMOD is based on “login”, i.e. users must identify themselves before using it. Users posting data “own” them and control read/write access to the data and their metadata, they can share authority on these with other users or group of user.

The rest of this section will describe the basics of using AutoMOD, the following section will describe in more details uploading data and documenting AutoMOD.

3.2 Basics

3.2.1 Logging in AutoMOD

We explained it, you need to be identified before using AutoMOD. Therefore the first step will be to create a user account for yourself.

Creating an AutoMOD account

In the menu on the left click on **Users** to access the users section (Figure 3.1), click on the *Create new user* button (Figure 3.2). Fill in the informations. If your institute does not appear in the dropdown list, select any one in the list, you'll be able to create your own institute once you're logged in.

Logging in

If you already have an account created, simply click on **Login** in the left hand menu. Enter your login and password, click on the *Login* button and you're in. See Figure 3.3.

Retrieving your login informations

If you already have an account created but forgot what it is or what your password is, simply click on **Login** in the left hand menu (Figure 3.3). Click on the *click to retrieve user infos* button (Figure 3.4). On the subsequent page you can then retrieve your informations. If you forgot your *login* simply enter in the top box the email address you provided when first registering and click on *Email me my login* (Figure 3.4).

If you remember your login but cannot remember your password, enter your login and the email you provided when registering in the bottom two boxes, click on the *Email me a new password* button (Figure 3.4) and a new password will be generated and emailed to you.

Logging out of AutoMOD

In order to log out of the system, click on **Login** in the left hand menu. Click on the *Logout* button (Figure 3.3). Note that you will be automatically logged out if after 30 minutes of inactivity.

Creating a new Institute

In case your institute wasn't in the list when you registered, click on **Institutes** in the left hand menu (Figure 3.5), click on *Create new institute*, fill in the informations and click *Create* (Figure 3.6).

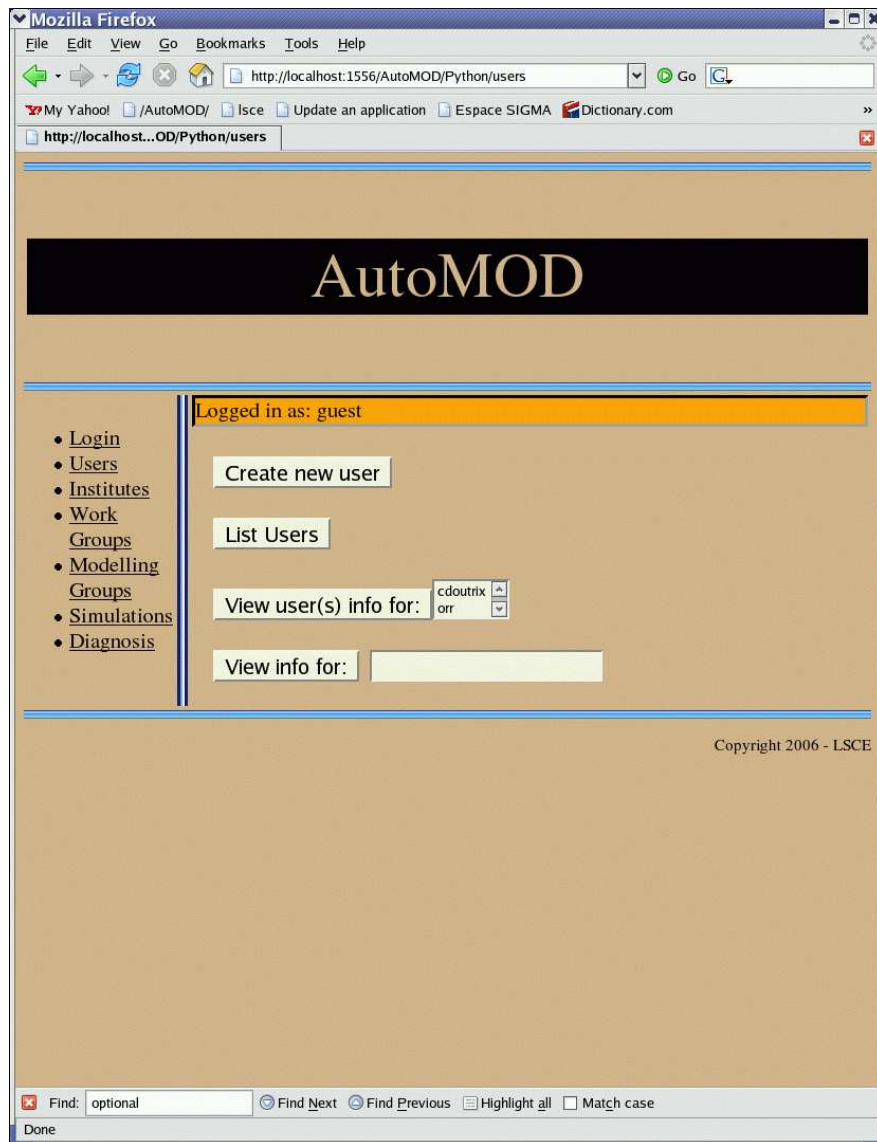


Figure 3.1: The Users Section.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the AutoMOD web application. The address bar shows the URL `http://localhost:1556/AutoMOD/Python/users`. The page has a header with the 'AutoMOD' logo. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with links: [Login](#), [Users](#), [Institutes](#), [Work Groups](#), [Modelling Groups](#), [Simulations](#), and [Diagnosis](#). The main content area is titled 'Creation of a new AutoMOD User' and shows the user is logged in as 'guest'. The form includes fields for 'Login*' (with a note '(Case dependent)'), 'First*', 'Middle', 'Last*', 'Email*', 'Institute' (a dropdown menu currently showing 'AWI'), 'Password*', and 'Retype Password*'. A 'Create' button is at the bottom of the form. A legend at the bottom left of the form indicates that an asterisk (*) denotes a required field. The footer of the page shows 'Copyright 2006 - LSCE'.

AutoMOD

Creation of a new AutoMOD User

Logged in as: guest

Login*: (Case dependent)

First*:

Middle:

Last*:

Email*:

Institute:

Password*:

Retype Password*:

*: Required field

Find: optional Find Next Find Previous Highlight all Match case

Done

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Figure 3.2: Creating a new user.

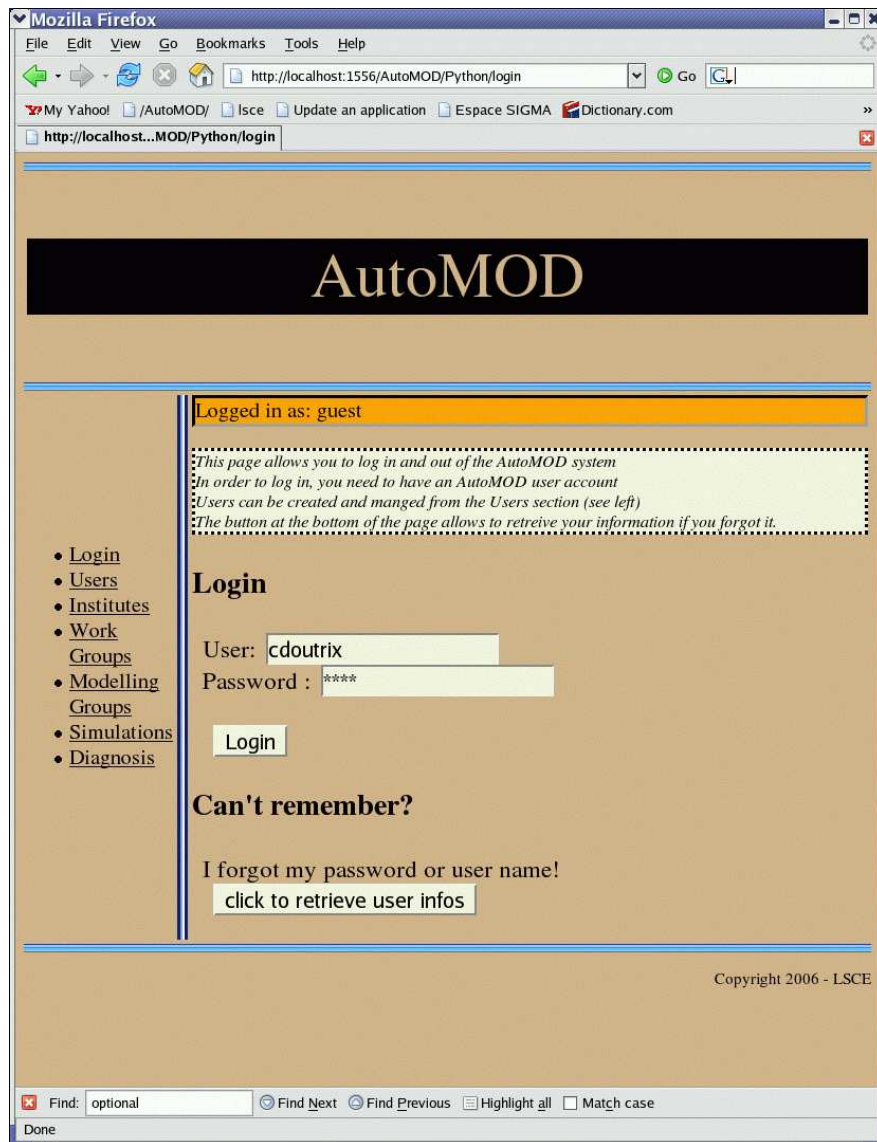


Figure 3.3: Logging in.

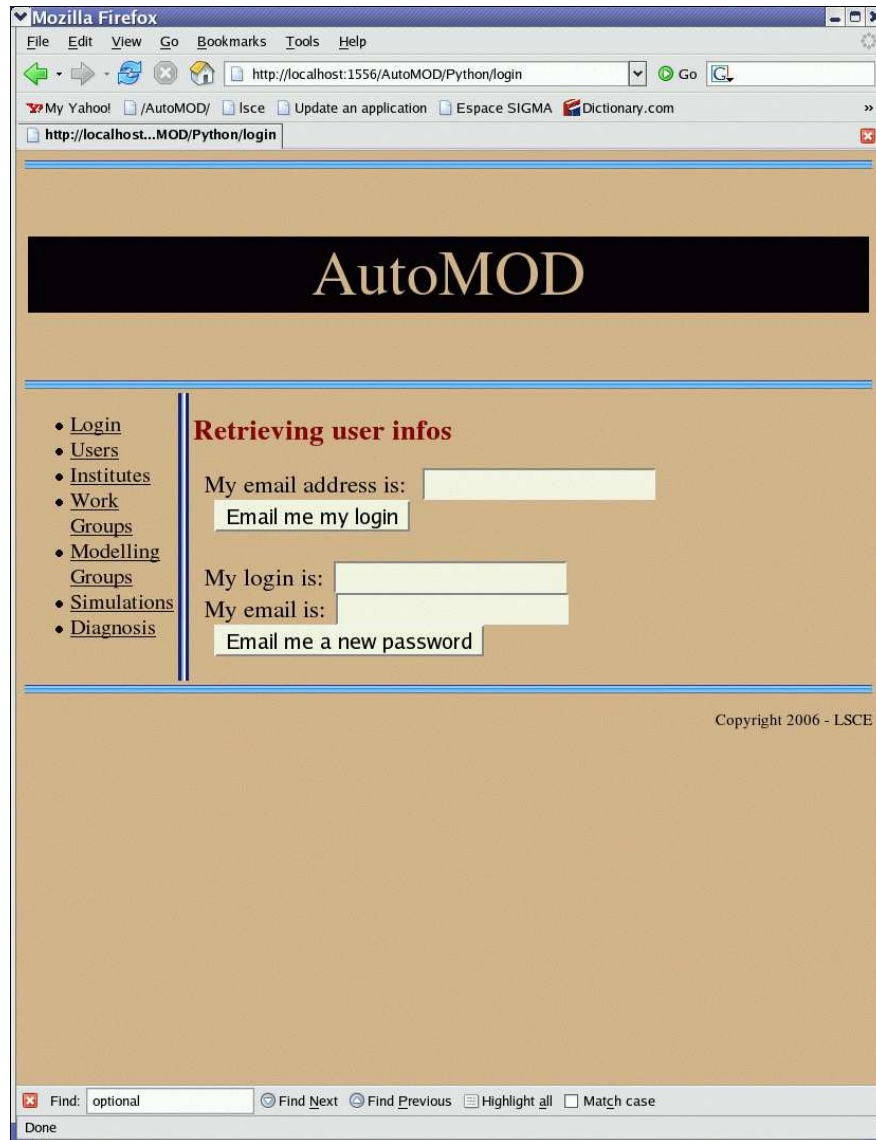


Figure 3.4: Retrieving your login information.

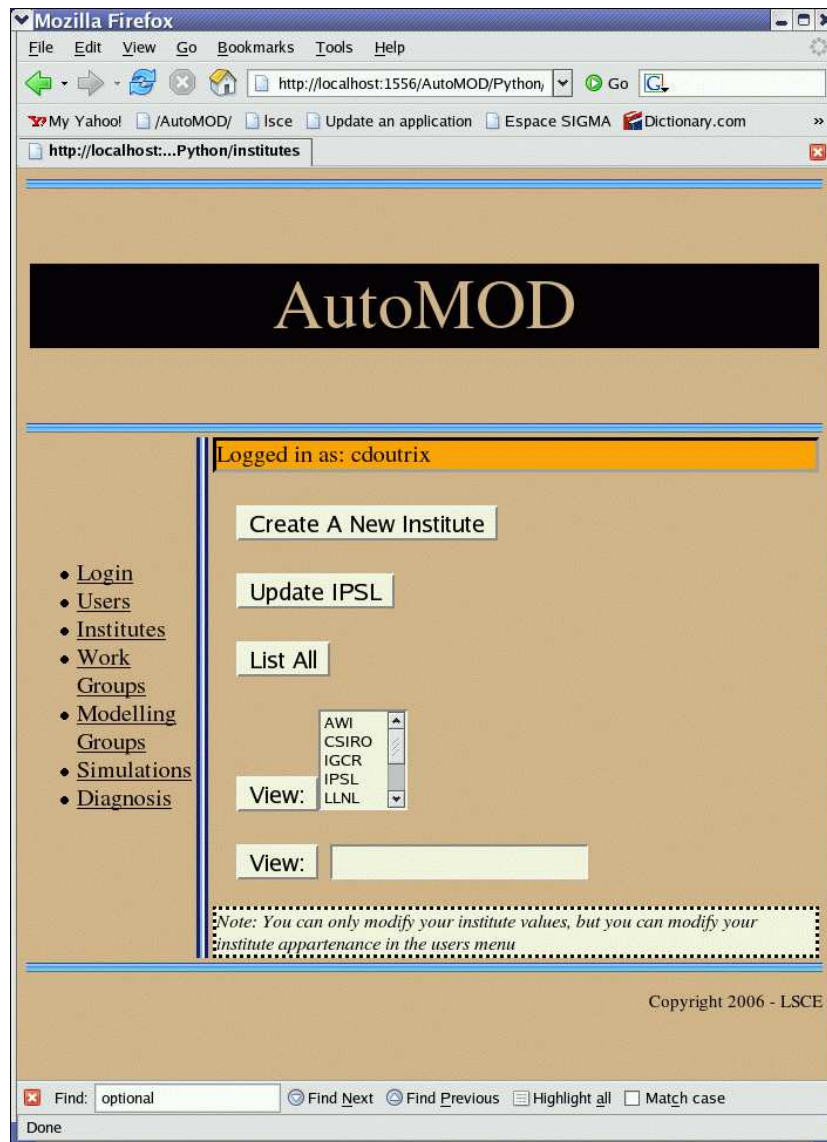


Figure 3.5: The Institutes main page.

AutoMOD

Creation of a new AutoMOD Institute
Logged in as: cdoutrix

[Login](#)
[Users](#)
[Institutes](#)
[Work](#)
[Groups](#)
[Modelling](#)
[Groups](#)
[Simulations](#)
[Diagnosis](#)

Name * :

Acronym * :

Address * :

Create

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Find: optional Find Next Find Previous Highlight all Match case Done

Figure 3.6: Creating a new institute.

3.2.2 Browsing the AutoMOD content

Before anything else, you can use AutoMOD simply to browse its content informations. These can be grouped in different categories.

- Users, Institutes, Groups
- Models, their various versions and simulations
- Diagnoses

The *Users* section

By clicking on **Users** link in the left hand menu (Figure 3.1), you'll access users related features. By clicking on the corresponding buttons, you will be able to either:

- Edit your user info (if logged in) (Figure 3.1).
- Create a new user (see section) (Figure 3.2).
- List informations for all existing users. This list can be ordered by any categorie by clicking on the (asc/desc button at the top desired column) (Figure ??).
- View informations for only a few users selected from the list
- View informations for a single user by typing its login the space in the last line of the page.

The *Institutes* section

By clicking on the **Institute** link in the left hand menu, you'll access institutes related features. By clicking on the corresponding buttons (Figure 3.5), you will be able to either *update* informations about your institute, *create* a new institute (Figure 3.6), or simply browse informations about existing insitutes (Figure 3.8).

Models and their versions

By clicking on **Modelling Groups** link in the left hand menu, you'll be able to browse models that are already in the database. Select a Model from the pulldown list (Figure 3.9) and click on the **View** button next to it. This will give you all the information about the selected model *and* all of its *versions* (Figure 3.10).

Let's use this opportunity to stress the importance of carefully documenting -in as much length as possible- a model and its versions while you're submitting it. Always keep these informations as much up-to-date as possible.

Note that from this section, by clicking on the **Manage** button, you can also *update* a model informations (and its associated versions) (Figure 3.11). Note that the list next to manage will only reflect models on which you have *write* permission.

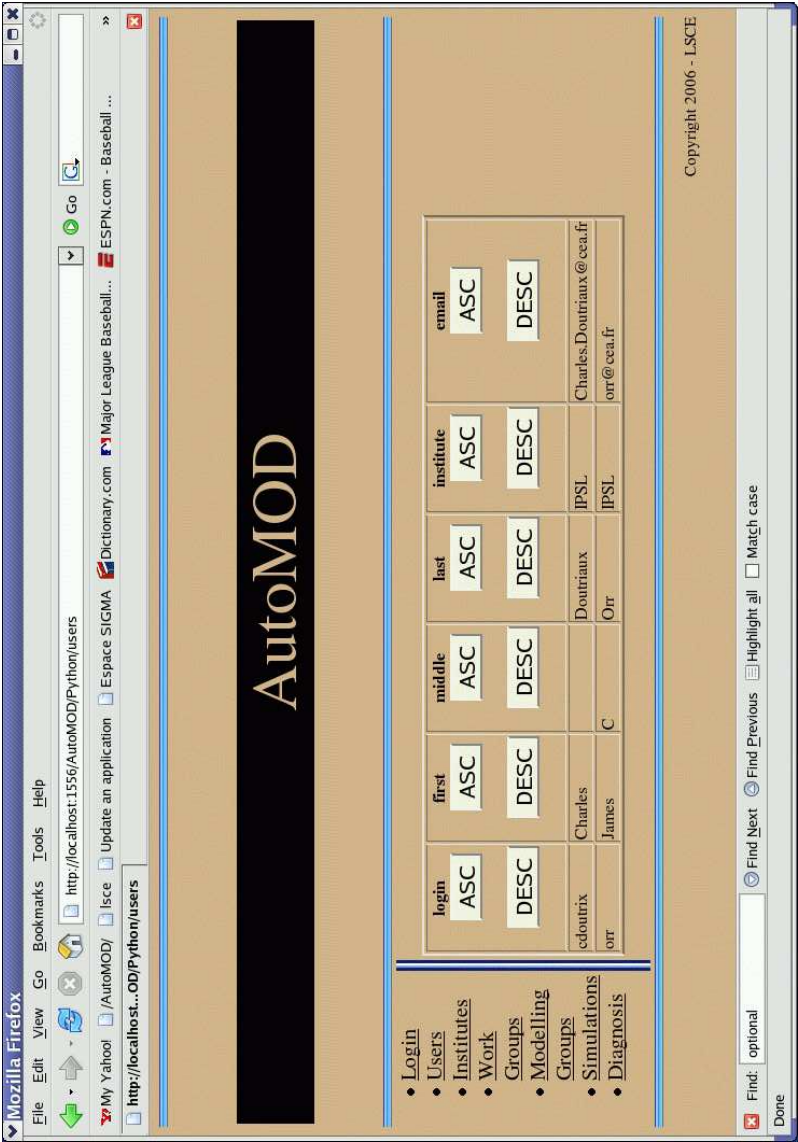


Figure 3.7: Listing users information.

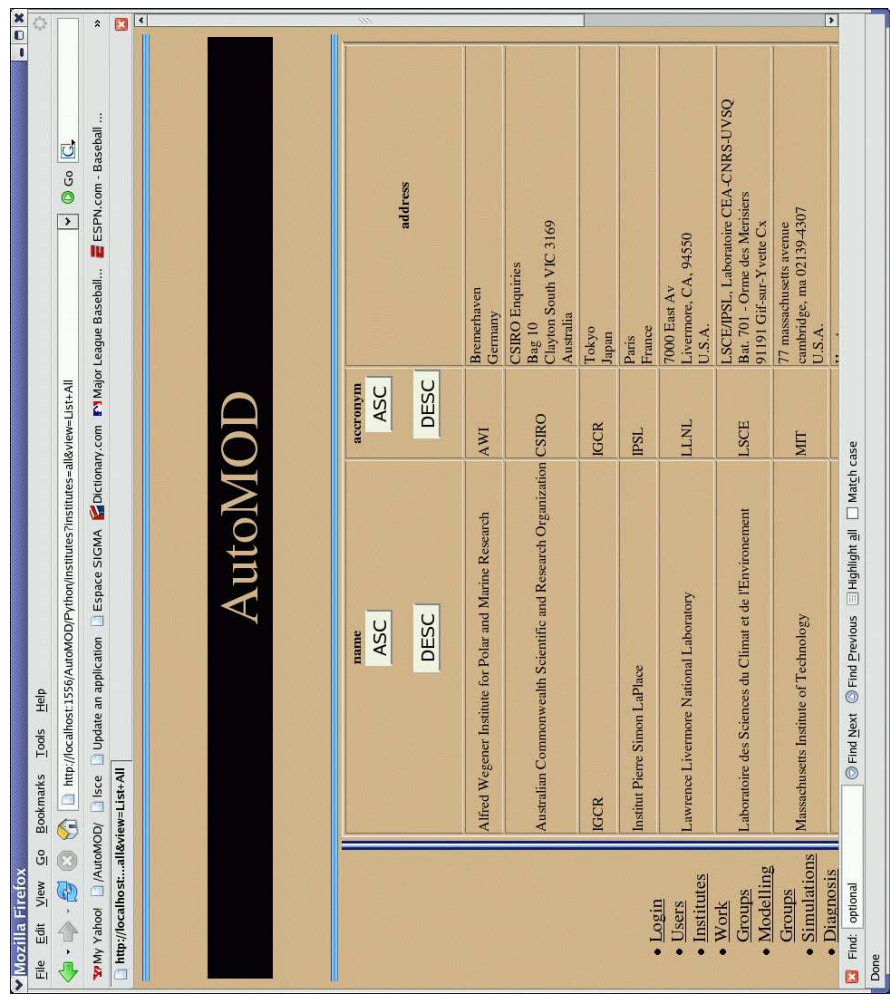


Figure 3.8: Listing insitutes informations.

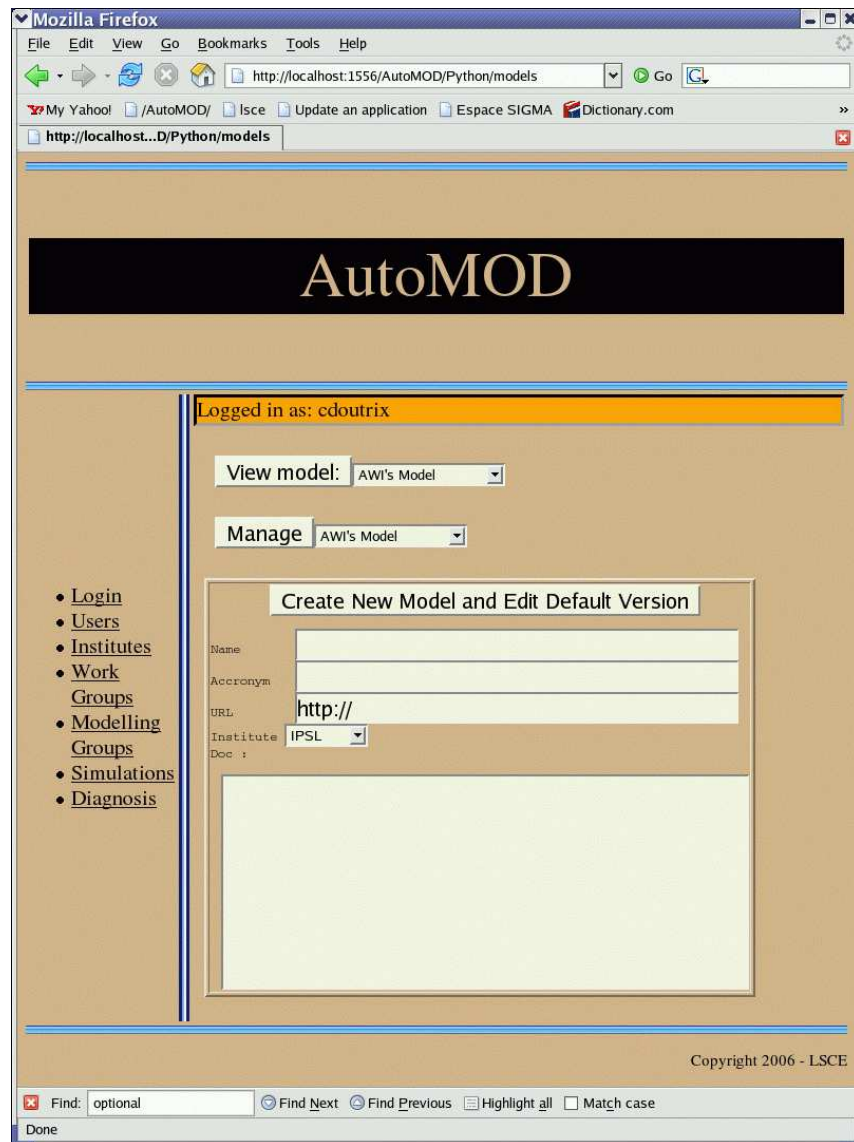


Figure 3.9: The modelling groups main page.

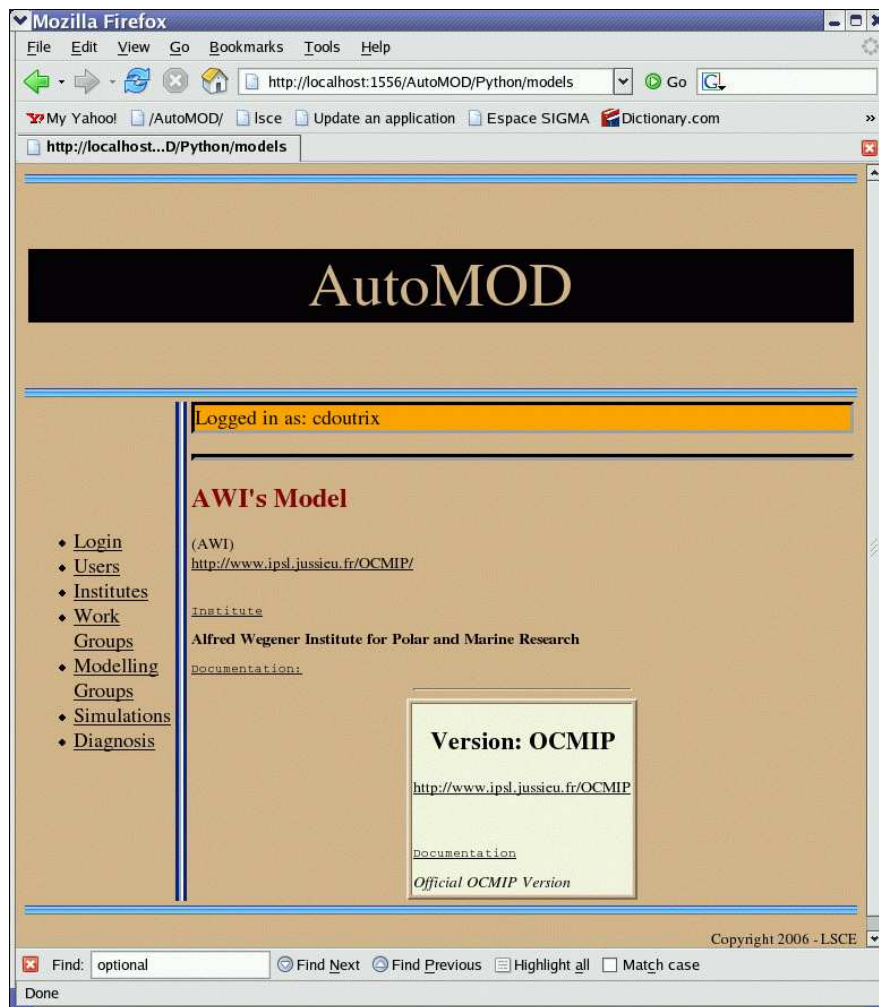


Figure 3.10: Viewing model information.

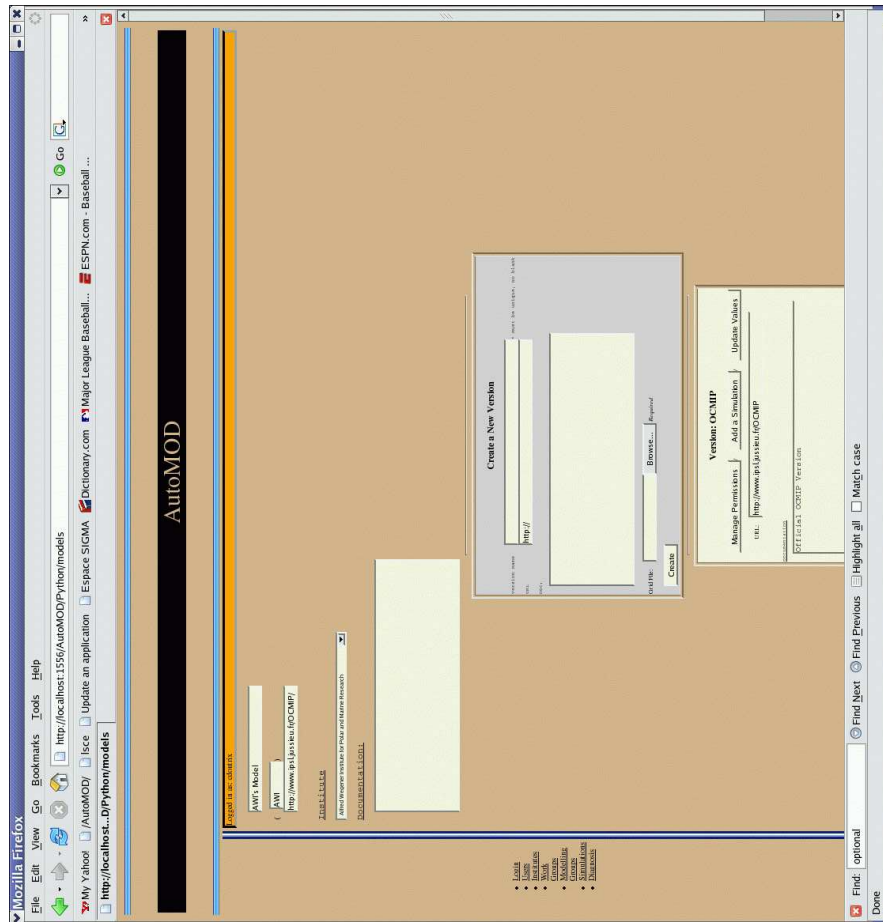


Figure 3.11: Managing information.

Simulations

By clicking on **Simulations** link in the left hand menu, you'll be able to obtain a table showing every simulation in the database (Figure 3.13, at least every simulation for which you have *read* permission.

First, in the left-hand list (Figure 3.12, select the Type/Subtype(s) you would like to see listed, then, in the right-hand list, select the Model/Version(s) you would like to see listed. In both case you can also select *'All or All with results'*.

Click then on the **Click to List** button to obtain a table listing the available *simulations*. The table obtained is color-coded. If no simulation is available for this specific subtype/modelversion combination the cell is then *red*, note that a *Add* button is here to take you to the corresponding upload form. If there is data for the specific combination then in addition of the *Add* button, you will see one (single realization) or more (ensemble for example) button(s) representing the various simulation submitted, the acronym of the simulation is listed in the button. Clicking on these button will show you the informations about the simulation.

Diagnosis

By clicking on **Diagnosis** link in the left hand menu, you will be taken to the diagnosis page of AutoMOD (Figure 3.14), simply move your pointer over any diagnosis and informations about this diagnosis will pop up (Figure 3.15). It is also possible for the information to be accompanied by a picture showing an example of what the diagnosis output looks like.

Here again we cannot stress enough how important it is for developers to document carefully their diagnosis! AutoMOD diagnosis are built on the Comprehensive Handling of Automated Diagnosis (**Comprehensive Handlers for Automated Diagnosis (CHAD)**) technology. Such diagnosis can "speak" to server and provide it with information such as documentation or parameters. The **Comprehensive Handlers for Automated Diagnosis (CHAD)** project provides base classes to build your diagnosis on.

3.3 Adding Information into the AutoMOD system

3.3.1 Users

Users information are controlled via the *Users* link in the left hand menu.

Creating a new user

Click on the **Create new user** button. You are then taken to a form (Figure 3.2), fill this form according to your personal informations. Select carefully the password and **DO NOT SHARE IT WITH ANYBODY**.

Click on **Create**. And you're done.

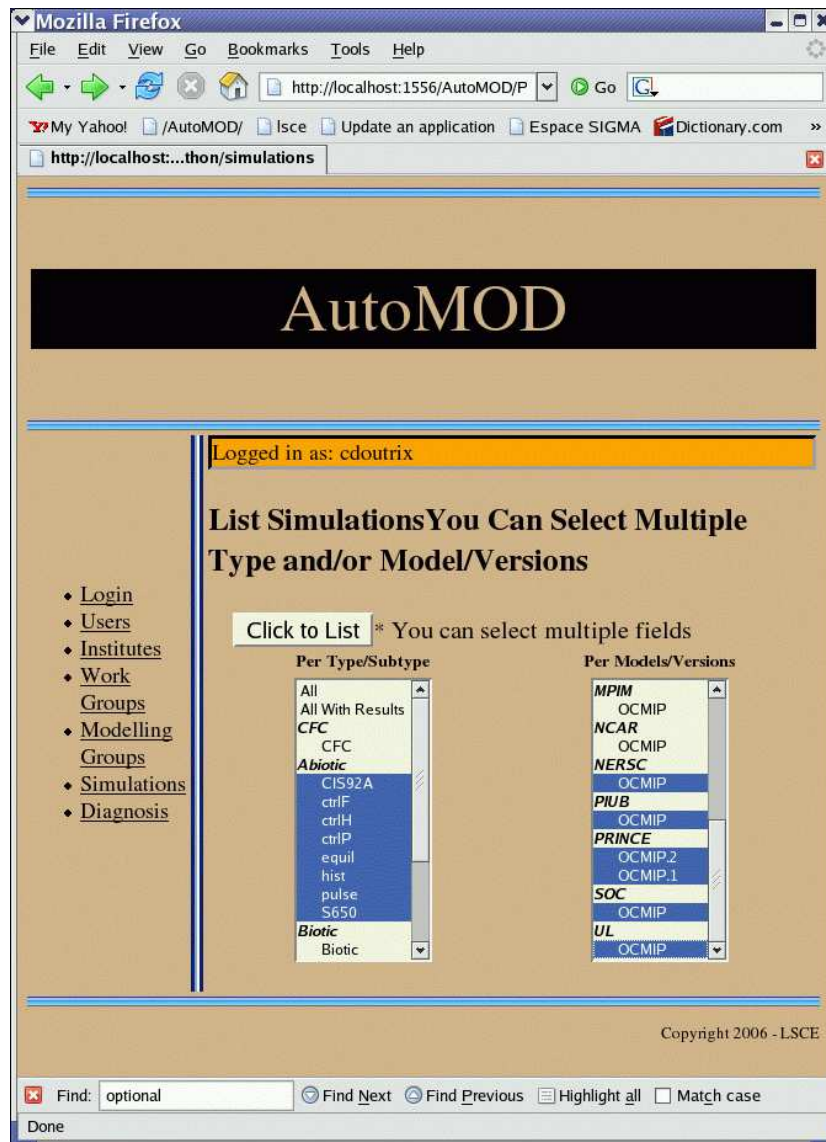


Figure 3.12: Selecting simulations to list.

Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://localhost:1556/AutoMOD/Pyth

My Yahoo! /AutoMOD/ Isce Update an application Espace SIGMA Dictionary.com

http://localhost:...thon/simulations

AutoMOD

Logged in as: admin

Simulations at a Glance

Legend: Add Partial No Data

Model Type	CB92A	ctrlit	Ankole		lat	pute
			equil			
NERSC OCMP	Add	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add
PRIB OCMP	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1
PRINCE OCMP-2	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add
PRINCE OCMP-1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add
SOC OCMP	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1
UL OCMP	Add Edit run1 Edit run2	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1	Add Edit run1

Legend: Add Partial No Data

Find: optional Find Next Find Previous Highlight all Match case

Done

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Figure 3.13: The simulations table.

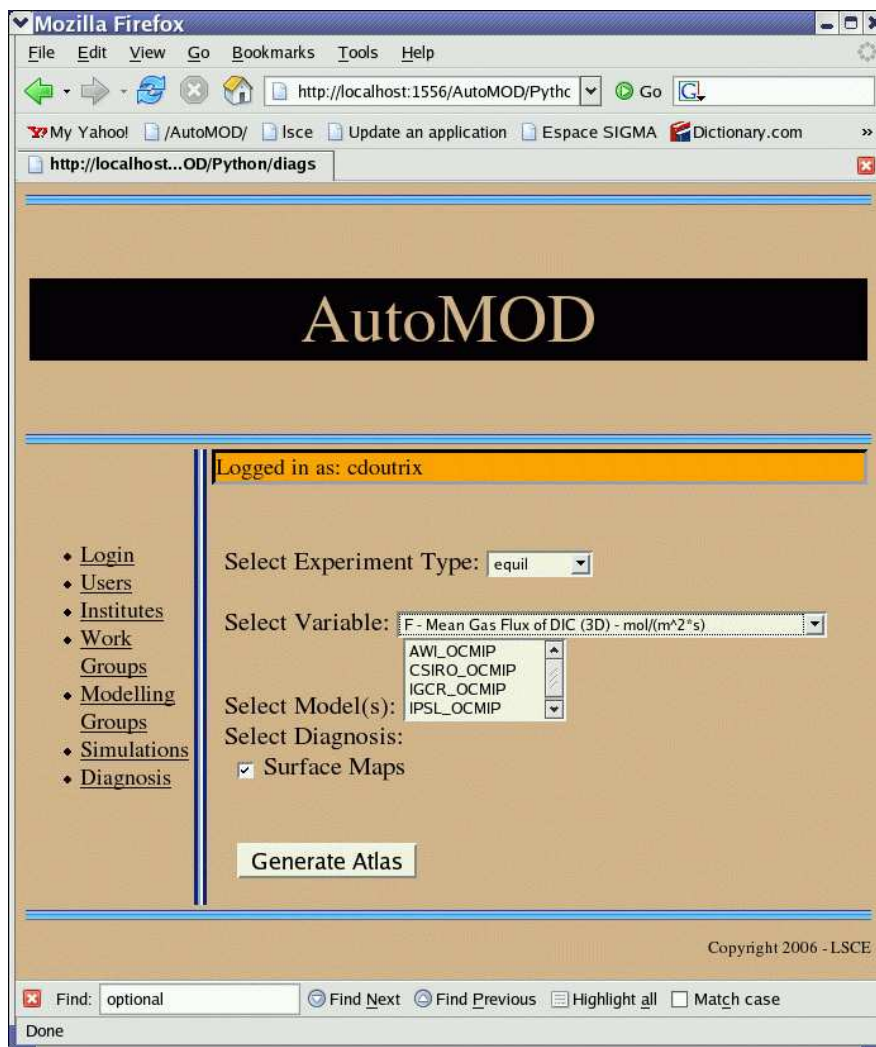


Figure 3.14: Generating Atlases.

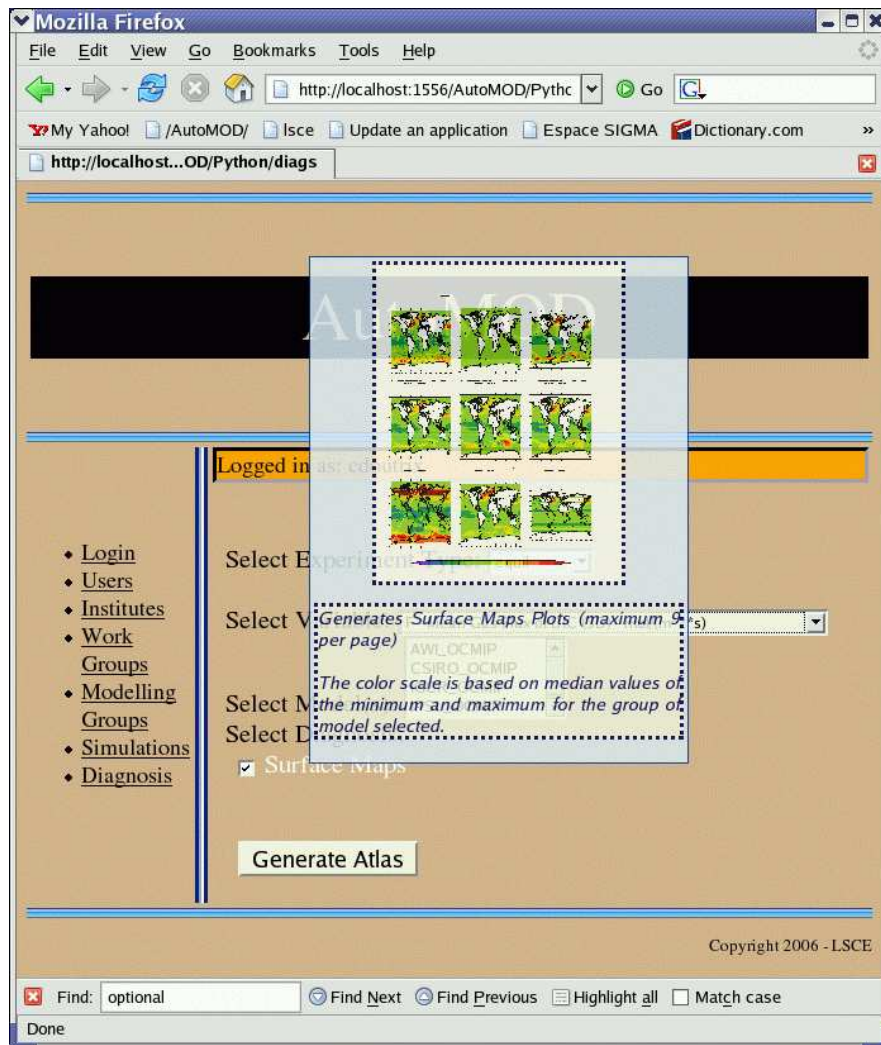


Figure 3.15: Popup information about a diagnosis.

Modifying your personal informations

Once you are logged in you can update your personal information at any time by clicking on *Users* link in the left hand menu, and then on *Edit “your login” infos*. You are then sent to a form with your current information, modify them as you wish and click *Update*.

3.3.2 Institutes

Click on the *Institutes* link in the left hand menu. This takes you to the institute section (Figure 3.5). From there on can *Create New A Institute* by clicking on the corresponding button. You may then go the *Users* section and update your personal info to reflect this new institute if you wish.

3.3.3 Work Groups

Work group in AutoMOD exists solely for *read/write permissions* purposes. By clicking on the *Work Groups* link in the left hand menu you will be taken to the corresponding section (Figure 3.16). From there you can *Create A New Group* (Figure ??), *View* users of a group (Figure ??), or *Manage* users of a group you belong to.

3.3.4 Defining a new Model in AutoMOD

Everytime a new modelling groups desires to join your AutoMOD project, it will need to be added to the database. Once again we cannot stress enough how important the need for a *detailed documentation* is.

In order to add a modelling group to an AutoMOD project, click on the *Modelling Groups* link in the left hand menu to access the corresponding section (Figure 3.9). Note that if you already have a model in the database, this is the location from which you can *Manage* the data (Figure ??). In the case of a new model, simply fill the form and click *Create New Model*. At that point you’ll be carried to the form to add a new version to your model (Figure ??). Adding a model version are described in section 3.3.5. *Note: You can enter \LaTeX commands in the documentation section.*

3.3.5 Adding version(s) to a model in AutoMOD, updating a model’s information

Click on the *Modelling Groups* link in the left hand menu. This takes you to the location from which you can *Manage* the model (Figure ??). This means that you will be able to **emphadd a new version, emphedit an existing version, or emphupdate the model version’s information**. To do any of these action, select the desired model from the pulldown list next to the *Manage* button, then click on this button. On the following form you can update/edit information (Figure ??).

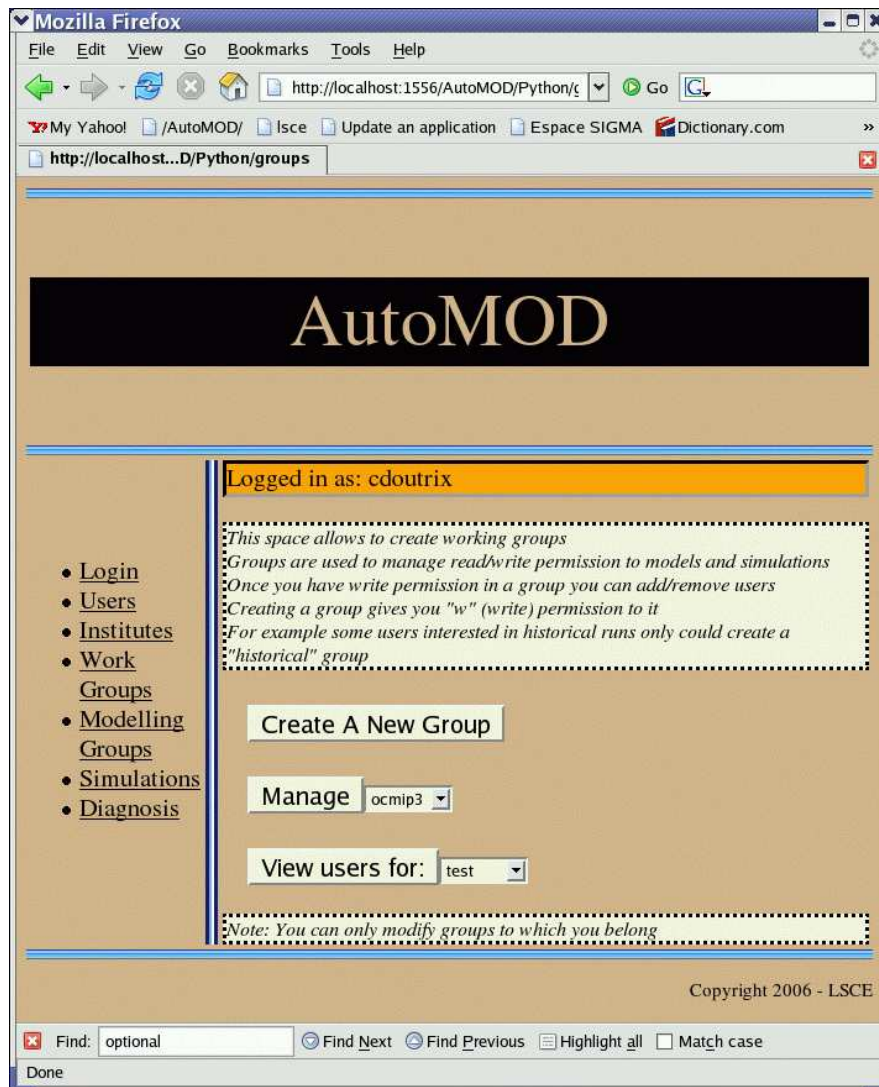


Figure 3.16: Working groups main page.

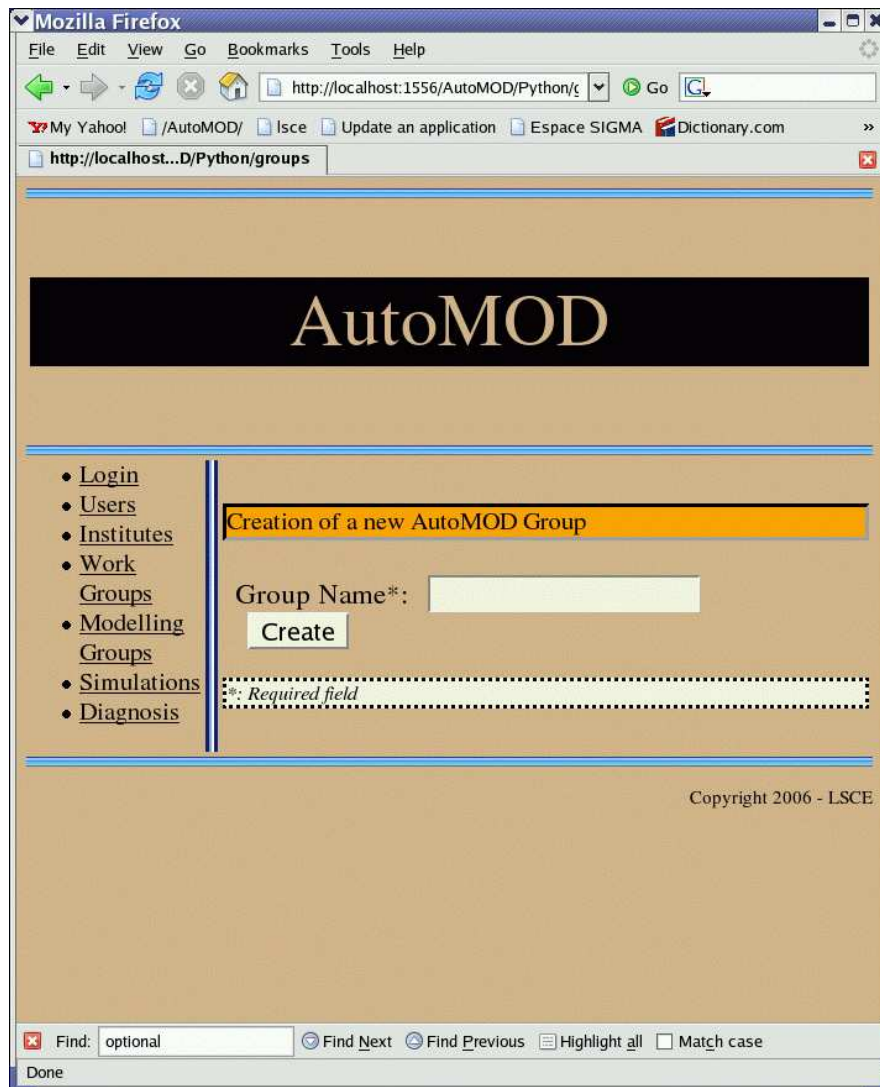


Figure 3.17: Creating a new work group.

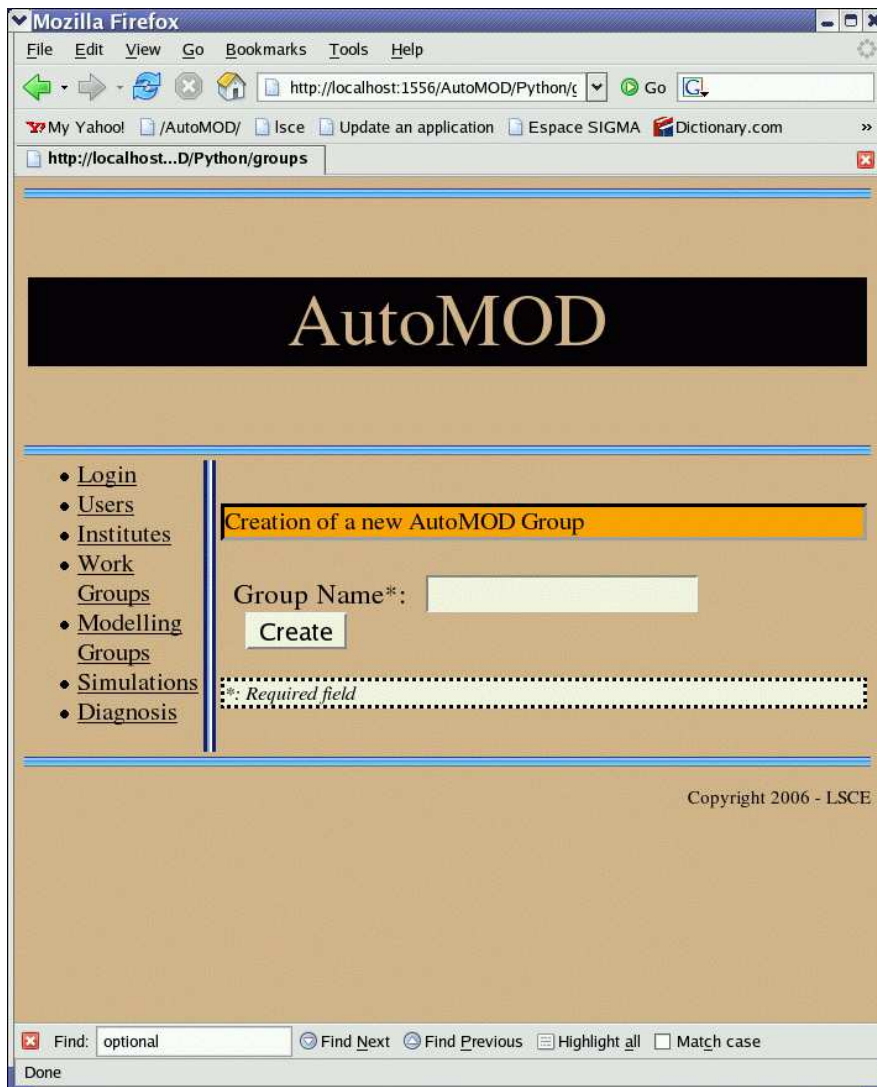


Figure 3.18: Listing users of a working group.

Adding a Version

In order to add a new version to a model, you will need to complete the short form bellow the model's information (Figure ??). *Most importantly* you will be asked to provide at that point a **Grid File** for this version. Indeed AutoMOD allows for the *associate_file* CF extension which dispense the actual data to include the grid information in them.

The grid you provide should be either in **CF compliant** format or produced via the **OCMIP** project output routines.

Updating Model Information

Simply change the desired information about the model, where appropriate and click on any of the **Update Values** in the model versions.

3.3.6 Creating “Simulations” for a model version and uploading the data

There is 2 ways to access the **Add Simulation** section’:

- Click on the **Modelling Groups** link in the left hand menu. Select the desired model from the pulldown list next to the **Manage** button (Figure 3.9), click on this button. Then in the section corresponding to the desired version of the model click on **Add a Simulation** (Figure ??).
- Click on the **Simulation** link in the left hand menu. Select the desired **simulation type** (or **All**) in the type list, select **your model version** in the model list (or **All**), click on **Click to List** (Figure 3.12). In the produced table (Figure 3.13), click on the **Add** button.

You are now on the **Adding a Simulation** page (Figure 3.19).

Documenting the Simulation

Make sure you pick the right **Type** in the pulldown list and the right **Author** for this simulation (Figure 3.19). Give a long a **Name** this name will be used as a long name, mostly in documentation sections. Pick an **Accronym** for this simulation, it will be used in diagnosis output. *Take great care of the documentation* section, as it will be used in the atlases produced by AutoMOD, you can enter \LaTeX commands. At that point you can go on to the “uploading data” section.

Uploading data

Currently data are uploaded into the AutoMOD system via ftp. Simply put your **CF compliant** data onto your ftp site. At the bottom of the page (Figure 3.19), fill in the information on how to access this ftp site (ftp site, login, password, directory). Click on **Add Simulation to Database** button.

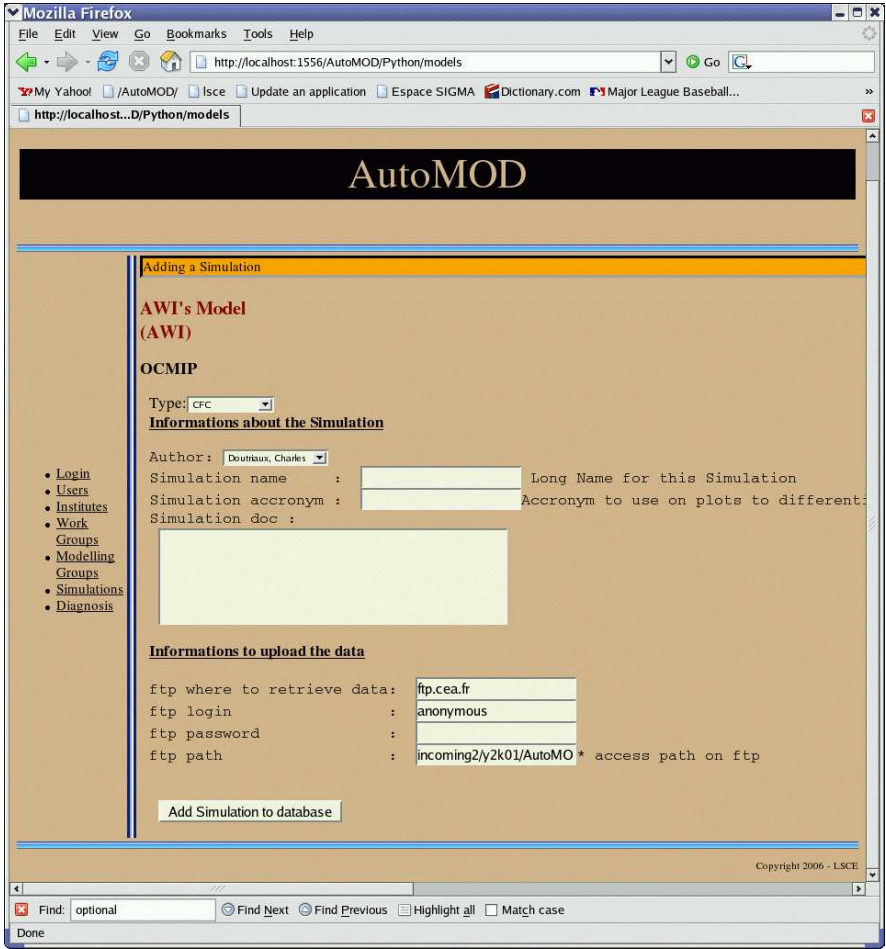


Figure 3.19: Adding a new simulation.

Congratulation in a few moments your data will be available to the AutoMOD users.

Note: AutoMOD compliant data can be obtained using OCMIP4 output subroutine, available at: <http://www.ipsl.jussieu.fr/OCMIP/phase4/simulations/OCMIP4/HOWTO-OCMIP4.html>

*. One can also simply use the **CF Conventions***

3.3.7 Controlling who has access to the data

We explained it earlier, AutoMOD allows you to control who actually has access to your data. This can be done at *Simulation* level or at the *Model Version level*, the later one preempting over the earlier.

Whether you controlling access to a single simulation or to a model version, the process is exactly the same. The two access pages can be obtained as follow

- **Model Version Control Page:** Click on the *Modelling Groups* link in the left hand menu. Select the desired model from the pulldown list next to the *Manage* button, click on this button. Click on the *Manage Permission* button of the corresponding version.
- Click on the *Simulation* link in the left hand menu. Select the desired *simulation type* (or *All*) in the type list, select *your model version* in the model list (or *All*), click on *Click to List*. In the produced table, click on the *Edit* button. Click on the *Manage Permission* button (not implemented yet).

You are now on the permissions page (Figure 3.20).

Permission can be granted for *Working Groups* or per *User*. For any of these categories you can either *Grant* or *Deny* privileges. There are two kind of privileges.

- **Read Privileges:** Which allow the user/group to see the information or perform analysis.
- **Write Privileges:** Which allow the user/group to access and change the informations, including adding simulations.

In each *action*, select the user(s)/group(s) you want to affect, and click on *Update*. For example to make a model version *private* to everybody but users of the group *mygroup*. In the Groups tables, select *everybody* in the list corresponding the *Deny Privileges* row, in the *Read* column. Similarly select *mygroup* in the *Grant Privileges* row, in the *Read* column. Click on Update, you're done.

3.4 Generating Atlases

The main attraction of the AutoMOD system is of course its *Atlas generating* function. Customized Atlases can be generated via the Diagnosis section in the left-hand menu (Figure 3.14).

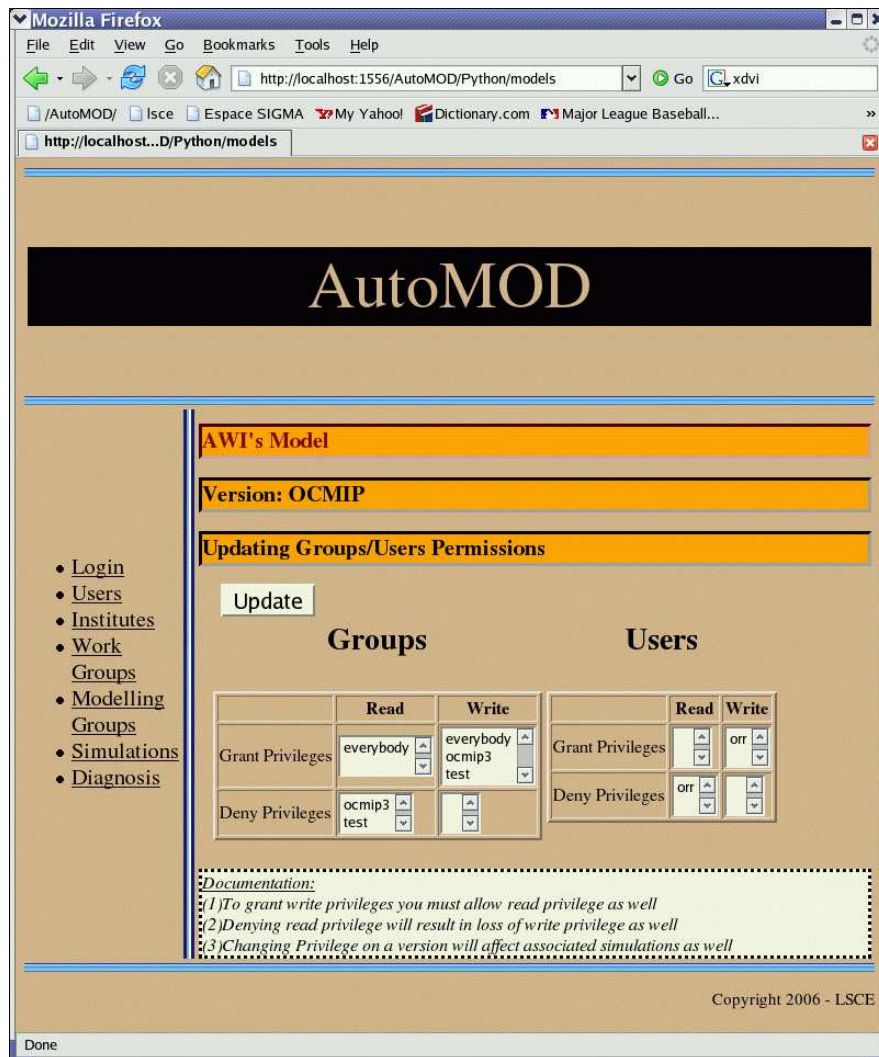


Figure 3.20: Changing Permissions.

3.4.1 Getting informations about diagnosis

Available diagnosis are listed at the bottom of the form. Simply pass your mouse over any of them and a baloon window will pop up listing information about the diagnosis, if provided by the developer a picture is even displayed with the information (Figure 3.15).

3.4.2 Generating an Atlas

Generating an Atlas is basically a 4 step process (Figure 3.14)

1. Select an experiment type.
2. Select the variable you wish to use.
3. Select the model(s) you would like to use.
4. Check all the daignoses you're interested in.

Note: You can do this in any order, but everytime you change one step the following ones are affected. For example, changing an experiment affect which variables and models are available.

Note also that some diagnosis impose restriction on the type of variable you can use, for example “Surface Maps” diagnoses will require lat/lon and therefore variables which do not have these dimensions will be removed from the list of available variables.

3.4.3 Tuning aspects of a diagnosis

Not implemented yet

Chapter 4

Customizing AutoMOD

4.1 Adding New Diagnosis

It is fairly easy to add new diagnosis to the AutoMOD project. *But* diagnoses must comply to the **Comprehensive Handlers for Automated Diagnosis (CHAD)** conventions. A complete description of the conventions can be found on the **CHAD** website. As far as the AutoMOD project is concerned the principal requirements are:

- –toXml option producing the Diagnosis description text string in XML format
- capable of understanding the following input options
 - *–variable*: Name of variable to process
 - *–files*: Name of files to process in style: (

'file1', 'file2', ...

)
 - *–outdir*: Path where to output results
- standard output from diagnosis must contain a line starting with the *images* string followed by a python-evaluable list with the *FULL* path to output images, i.e.:

'path1/image1', 'path2/image2', ...

Optional but *HIGHLY* recommended specifications are:

- *info* tag in the XML description, with sub tags:
 - *name*: Long name to be displayed in the form and in the Atlas.
 - *doc*: Diagnosis documentation, can contain LaTeX commands, but would be displayed in pop up window
 - *requirements*: Diagnosis restrictions, at the moment recognized subtags are

* *units*: Must have units for the variable, in cdms.orderparse format

As a reminder in the [AutoMOD_DIR]/Python/Diagnosis directory, there is a file called *Diagnosis.py*, this file contains the constructor for “AutoMOD” class, a subclass of **Comprehensive Handlers for Automated Diagnosis (CHAD)** class, that can be used as a starter to build new python-based diagnosis.

4.2 Customizing the web-interface, the diags.py file

Expert users can edit the [AutoMOD_DIR]/Python/diags.py file to their desires. This allows you to modify the order of selection, the selections themselves, etc...

4.2.1 Basic appearance changes

We will not come back in this section on fine-tuning the styles.css file in the [AutoMOD_DIR]. In the [AutoMOD_DIR]/Python/diags.py file, there are a few things you can edit.

The Diagnosis Popup Window

Near the end of the *default_form* function, look for the line controlling aspects of the **wz.tooltip**. Right now the script controls the *OPACITY* but the **wz.tooltip** package let you control a lot more things.

4.2.2 Advanced changes, selection order, etc ...

This will require some *serious* recoding. We will try to describe what the main functions of the current version(1.0) does.

- *handler*: Main function to reroot request to the “Diagnosis” section
- *default_form*: The main form, the one where you select elements for the Diagnosis
- *getDOMS*: Gets the DOM objects for each diagnosis, running the `toXml` commands. You could edit this if your diagnosis isn’t fully **CHAD**compliant.
- *generateAtlas*: Process the Atlas request, creates the Atlas \LaTeX headers, the python script to run all the diagnosis with the right input arguments and post-processing to incorporate diagnosis results into the Atlas \LaTeX document. This function process the information in the following order
 - Checks *user*.
 - Creates pull down list with *experiments* the user can access.
 - Checks if any diagnosis selected has variable restrictions.
 - Creates pull down list of *variables*.
 - Creates list of *Diagnoses* available with associated popup windows.

4.3 Customizing the back end

4.3.1 Data Serving

At the moment the data are stored locally and directly access from the hard-drive (preferably in a place not visible from the web-server). But one could envision a system where data are also served via an OpenDAP server. IN order to do this we would recommend to:

- edit the *process_simul.py* file in the [AutoMOD.DIR]/Install directory to reflect data publishing.
- edit the web interface to add a link to the OpenDAP server page ([AutoMOD.DIR]/menu.html)

Appendix A

Appendix: Developing Diagnosis

A.1 Generalities

As mentioned in 4.1 diagnosis must be Comprehensive Handlers for Automated Diagnosis (CHAD)compliant.

A.2 Mapping between Grids, the SCRIP approach

Most intercomparison project will necessit development of diagnosis able to go from one grid to another. In the case of “general” grids, this can be tricky. CDAT’s able to take advantage of mapping files generated by the SCRIP software

A.2.1 SCRIP

The **SCRIP** is a software package which computes addresses and weights for remapping and interpolating fields between grids in spherical coordinates. It was written originally for remapping fields to other grids in a coupled climate model, but is sufficiently general that it can be used in other applications as well. The package should work for any grid on the surface of a sphere. SCRIP currently supports four remapping options:

- *Conservative remapping* First and secondorder conservative remapping as described in Jones (1999, Monthly Weather Review, 127, 2204-2210).
- *Bilinear interpolation* Slightly generalized to use a local bilinear approximation (only logically-rectangular grids).
- *Bicubic interpolation* Similarly generalized (only logically-rectangular grids).

- *Distance-weighted averaging* Distance-weighted average of a user-specified number of nearest neighbor values.

A.2.2 SCRIP and CDAT

CDAT's `cdms` is able to understand remapping file generated by SCRIP, following is an example of remapping using SCRIP map files.

```
## s is a cdms variable with a grid known by cdms
## rmp1 is a string pointing to a SCRIP remapping file from the grid in s to
print 'Remapping using : ',rmp1
frmp1=cdms.open(rmp1)
remapper=regrid.readRegridder(frmp1)
s1=remapper(s) # Remap
fout=cdms.open(acc+'_remapped_to_1x1.nc','w')
fout.write(s1)
fout.close()
```

It can be useful to know this while developing diagnosis.

A.2.3 Generating SCRIP remap files for an AutoMOD project

In the directory "Install" you will find a python script named **create_remap_SCRIP_files.py**. This script takes a text file as input and creates SCRIP remapping files for all model versions available in your database. The input text file consists of a list of target files. Each line must contain 3 arguments: `file_path`, `file_var`, and `acronym` where:

- *file_path*: is a location where the target file is
- *file_var*: is the variable in this file to use as a target grid (`cdms` must be able to read its grid).
- *acronym*: an acronym used to create the remapping file names

The script will then loop through all lines and generate for each line the mapping files to go from a model version to the target and back. For each model version contained in the database.

Appendix B

Appendix: MySQL Tables

In this appendix we will show all the needed MySQL tables and there component.

B.1 admin

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO			

B.2 ftp

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
sid	mediumint(9)	YES			
ftp	char(80)	NO			
login	char(30)	NO			
passwd	char(30)	YES			
path	char(255)	NO			

B.3 groups

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
name	char(20)	NO			

open	tinyint(4)	NO		0		
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B.4 groups_users

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra	
groupid	mediumint(9)	NO				
userid	mediumint(9)	NO				
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B.5 institutes

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra	
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment	
name	char(255)	NO				
acronym	char(30)	NO				
address	text	YES				
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						

B.6 mod_perm

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra	
mvid	mediumint(9)	NO				
type	tinyint(1)	YES		0		
id	mediumint(9)	NO				
r	tinyint(1)	YES		1		
w	tinyint(1)	YES		0		
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						

B.7 models

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra	
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment	
name	char(255)	YES				
accro	char(20)	YES				

accro_orig	char(20)	YES			
institute	mediumint(9)	NO			
url	varchar(1024)	YES			
doc	text	YES			

B.8 modelversions

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
version	char(20)	YES			
version_orig	char(20)	YES			
model	mediumint(9)	NO			
url	varchar(1024)	YES			
doc	text	YES			

B.9 sim_perm

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
sid	mediumint(9)	YES			
type	tinyint(1)	YES		0	
id	mediumint(9)	NO			
r	tinyint(1)	YES		1	
w	tinyint(1)	YES		0	

B.10 `sim_var`

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
sid	mediumint(9)	YES			
varid	mediumint(9)	YES			

B.11 simulations

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_incre
vid	mediumint(9)	NO			
accro	char(20)	NO			
accro_orig	char(20)	YES			
name	varchar(1024)	YES			
subtype	mediumint(9)	YES			
doc	text	YES			
author	mediumint(9)	NO			
submitter	mediumint(9)	NO			
submitted	timestamp	YES		CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	
indb	timestamp	YES		0000-00-00 00:00:00	
complete	tinyint(4)	YES		0	

B.12 subtypes

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
type	mediumint(9)	NO			
name	char(50)	YES	UNI		
doc	text	YES			

B.13 types

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
name	char(50)	YES	UNI		
doc	text	YES			

B.14 users

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
login	char(20)	NO	UNI		

first	char(50)	NO			
last	char(50)	YES			
middle	char(1)	NO			
email	char(80)	NO			
institute	mediumint(9)	NO			
password	char(32)	NO			

B.15 variables

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
id	mediumint(9)	NO	PRI		auto_increment
name	char(50)	YES			
long_name	char(200)	YES			
units	char(30)	YES			
rank	int(11)	YES			
dimensions	char(50)	YES			

Merci!